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A PROCLAMATION,

For the Calling out the Levy of One Thousand Men, for the Year 1697.

WILLIAM by the Grace of GOD, King of *Great-Britain*, *France*, and *Ireland*, Defender of the Faith: To Our Macers of Our Privy Council, Messengers at Arms, Our Sheriffs in that part, conjunctly and severally, specially constitute, Greeting. Forasmuch, as by the Twenty third Act of the last Session of this current Parliament, *It is Statute and Ordained*, That for the Service of this present War, and Recruiting of Our Regiments, either at Home or Abroad, there shall be Furnished to Us the Number of One Thousand Men yearly, when We shall Require them, to be Proportioned and Levied, conform to the Proportions contained in the Act of Parliament, one thousand six hundred and sixty three, Intituled, *An Humble Tender to His Sacred Majesty of the Unity and Loyalty of His Ancient Kingdom of* Scotland, as to the Twenty thousand Foot therein-mentioned; which Thousand Men, by the foresaid Act, are appointed to be Furnished and Levied in this manner, *viz.* That the Commissioners of Supply for the respective Bounds where the saids Proportions shall fall, or any Five of them as the *Quorum*, appointed to that effect by the foresaid Act, or the Sheriffs and their Deputs, or the Lords and Baillies of Regalities, or Stewarts and their Deputs, the Magistrats of Burghs, first design and cause be given, the idle, loose and vagabond persons lyable by former Acts of Parliament, to be seized by Sheriffs to make up the foresaid Number, and the remainder of the said Proportions are to be put furth according to the former Rules in use for subdividing the same within each Shire: And by the foresaid Act of Parliament, Heretors are Impowered to design and make choice of such young Fencible Men living within their respective Bounds, and not having Wife or Children, and who earn their Living by daily Wages or Termly Hire, as shal satisfie for their part of the said Levy, or otherwise the Tennents and Fencible-Men shall have their option to offer and pay down for each of the said Men that may fall to be put out by them, the Sum of Twenty four pound *Scots*, so that the District shall either deliver a good Man effectually, or pay the said Twenty four pounds: And furder, the saids Heretors (conform to the foresaid Act of

Parliament) are hereby Impowered to ſecure the perſon or perſons deſigned, or choſen as ſaid is ; and for the encouragement of the foreſaids perſons ſo to be deſigned and made choice of, it is further *Statute and Ordained* by the foreſaid Act, that each of them ſhall before Delivery, have Twenty pounds *Scots* payed to him in ready Money by the Officer who receives him, at the ſight of one of the ſaids Commiſſioners; as alſo, that their being put furth and engaged as ſaid is, ſhall not oblige them longer to be and continue Souldiers than for the ſpace of three years, and the firſt of *November* next after the Iſh of the ſaids three years from the time of their Engagement. And We Conſidering, that the preſent Exigence of Our Service, doth require the foreſaid Number of One Thouſand Men, to be Furniſhed and Levied for this preſent Year with all diſpatch and expedition : Therefore We with Advice of the Lords of Our privy Council, Require and Command the Commiſſioners of Supply of the ſeveral Shires, Stewartries and Burghs within this Kingdom, upon this ſide of *Tay*, to meet at the Head-Burghs of their reſpective Shires and Stewartries upon the ſeventh day of *Januarie* next to come one thouſand ſix hundred ninety ſeven, & the Commiſſioners of Supply for all the reſt of this Kingdom, at the Head-burghs of their reſpective Shires & Stewartries, upon the fourteenth day of the ſaid Month with Certification to ſuch of them not otherways imployed in our publick Service who ſhal not meet, they ſhal be lyable each of them to the Penalties contained in the Acts of Parliament made anent the Miſſive, and there to Proceed, Deſign, and have in readineſs, in manner, and conform to the Twenty third Act laſt Seſſion of this current Parliament, and Method therein ſet down the particular Number of Men reſpective after-mentioned, or Twenty four pounds *Scots* for each Man to be delivered to the Officers to be ſent by Order of our Privy Council, or of Collonel *George Hamilton* Colonel to one of our Regiments in *Flanders*, at the reſpective Head-Burghs, upon payment of Twenty pounds *Scots* to every Man who ſhall be delivered of the ſaid One Thouſand Men, in manner above-mentioned upon the days after ſet down. *viz.* Theſe for the Shires of *Edinburgh Berwick, Haidingtoun, Roxburgh, Selkirk, Peebles, Linlithgow, Drumfries, Wigtoun* and Stewartrie of *Kirkcudbright*, *Air*, *Renfrew*, *Lanerk*, *Stirling*, *Clarkmannan*, *Fife*, *Kinroſs*, and theſe of the Shires of *Argile*, *Bute* and *Dumbartoun*, with theſe for the Town of *Edinburgh*, *Leith* and *Cannongate*, at the reſpective Head-burghs thereof, upon the Fifteenth day of the ſaid Month of *Januarie* next, and theſe for the Shires of *Perth*, *Forfar*, *Kincardin*, and *Mariſhal's* part of *Aberdeen*, *Bamf*, and the reſt of *Aberdeen-Shire*, with theſe for the Shires of *Elgin*, *Nairn*, and this ſide of *Neſs*, the Earl of *Seaforth* and Lord *Lovats* Diviſion of *Inverneſs*, the Shires of *Southerland*, *Caithneſs*, and the reſt of *Inverneſs*, with the Stewartrie of *Orkney* and *Zetland*, upon the twenty ſecond day of the ſaid Month : And We with Advice foreſaid, Require the ſaid Collonel *George Hamilton* timeouſly to diſpatch and ſend ſuch Officers, or others as he ſhall think fit, ſufficiently impowered with an Order and Warrand under his Hand, to the Head-Burghs of the ſeveral Shires and Stewartries before-mentioned, to receive thereat the Proportions of Men wherein the ſaids reſpective Shires, Stewartries and Burghs are lyable, and to make payment of the Twenty pounds *Scots* to each Perſon who ſhall be delivered to them as a Souldier in manner foreſaid, or otherways to receive and get payment of the ſaid Twenty four pound *Scots* for every undelivered Perſon, and grant Receipt of the ſamen ; And which thouſand Men, or twenty four pounds *Scots* for each undelivered Man, are to be delivered to, and received by the ſaids Officers at the Head-Burghs of the

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ſeveral Shires and Stewartries of this Kingdom in manner, and by the Proportions after-mentioned, *viz.* That there be delivered for the Shires of *Roxburgh* and *Selkirk* at the Head-Burghs thereof, the Number of Sixty ſix Men; For the Shire of *Berwick* at the Head-Burgh thereof, the Number of Fourty Men. For the Shire of *Haddingtoun* Fourty Men. For the Shire of *Peebles* Thirteen Men. For the Shire of *Edinburgh* Fourty Men. For the Shire of *Dumfries* Fourty Men. For the Shire of *Wigtoun* Fifteen Men. For the Stewartrie of *Kirkcudbright* Twenty five Men. For the Shires of *Air* and *Renfrew* Sixty ſix Men. For the Shire of *Lanerk* Fifty Men. For the Shire of *Linlithgow* ſeventeen Men. By the Town of *Edinburgh, Leith and Cannongate*, Fourty Men. By the Shires of *Stirling and Clackmannan* Thirty four Men. By *Fife and Kinross* Eighty Men. By the Shires of *Argyle, Dumbartoun* and *Bute*, Fourty Men: As alſo there is to be delivered in manner foreſaid by the Shire of *Perth* Eighty Men. By the Shire of *Forfar* Fifty Men. By the Shire of *Kincardin* and *Mariſhal*'s Part of *Aberdene* Fourty Men. By the Shire of *Bamf*, and reſt of *Aberdeen* Shire, Fifty three Men. By the Shires of *Nairn, Elgin*, and this ſide of *Neſs*, Fifty Men. By the Earl of *Seaforths*, and Lord *Lovats* Diviſion of *Inverneſs*, Thirty four Men. By the Shires of *Sutherland, Caithneſs*, and the reſt of *Inverneſs*, Fifty three Men. And by the Stewartries of *Orkney* and *Zetland*, Thirty four Men, or twenty four Pounds *Scots reſpective*, for each undelivered Man in manner above-mentioned. And We with Advice foreſaid, authorize and appoint the ſeveral perſons after-named, to judge and determine upon all Differences and Debates that may ariſe betwixt the Commiſſioners of the ſeveral Shires and Burghs, and the Officers that ſhal be ſent to them anent the Sufficiency and Inſufficiency of the men to be Outreiked in this preſent Levie, *viz.* *Sir* John Pringle of Stichel the Laird of Grubet younger, and the Sheriff-depute of Roxburgh for the ſaid Shire, Sir James Murray of Philiphaugh, one of the Senators of the Colledge of Juſtice, or his Depute for the Shire of Selkirk, Sir John Hume of Blacader, Sir John Swinton of that Ilk, or the Sheriff-deput of the Shire of Berwick, with either of them for the ſaid Shire, the Earle of Lauderdale with either of the Sheriff-deputs of Edinburgh for the Shire thereof, the Lord Provoſt of Edinburgh, with Sir William Auſtruther of that Ilk one of the Senators of the Colledge of Juſtice for the Town of Edinburgh, the Lairds of Preſtongrange and Beanſtoun, or either of them, with the Sheriff deput of Haddingtoun for the ſaid Shire Lawſon of Cairnmuir with the Sheriff-depute of Peebles for the ſaid Shire, Sir Thomas Kirkpatrick of Closburn, and Johnſtoun of Elchiesheils for the Shire of Drumfries, Sir Andrew Agnew of Lochnaw and the Laird of Garthland for the Shire of Wigton the Lairds of Ruſco and Machrimore for the Stewartrie of Kirkcudbright, the Lairds of Rowalland, Kilbirnie, Cairletoun, and John Mure Provoſt of Air, and the Sheriff-deput of Air for the Shire of Air, the Lairds of Craigens Glanderſtoun, and Caldwell, and the Sheriff-deput of Renfrew for the ſaid Shire, *Sir* Alexander Monro of Bear-crofts, and William Cunninghame of Boquhane for the Shire of Stirling Rollo of Woodſide for the Shire of Clackmannan *Hamilton* of Udſtoun *Sheriff*-deput, & Andrew *Hay* of Craignethen for the Overward of Lanerk Shire *Hamilton* of Barncleugh, & *Hamilton* of *Aikenhead* for the Netherward thereof, the Lairds of Livingſtoun, Dudingſtoun, & Pardivan for the Sheriffdom of Linlithgow,

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Sir *Charles Halket* of *Pitfirren*, Sir *James Mcgill* of *Rankellior*, the Lairds of *Raydisoord*, *Auchtermarnie*, *Readie*, *Hay younger* of *Naughtoun*, and the Sheriff-Depute of *Fyfe*, for the Shire of *Fyfe*; The Master of *Burghly* for the Shire of *Kinroſs*, the Lord *Ruthven*, Sir *Colin Campbel* of *Aberuchle* one of the Senators of the Colledge of Juſtice, the Lairds of *Megnish*, *Culforgie*, *Dumbarnie* younger; And the Sheriff-Depute of *Perth*, for the Shire of *Perth*; *Fullertoun* of *Kinnaber*, and Miln of *Balwillo*, for the Shire of *Forfar*; *Irving* of *Kincouſie*, and the Sheriff-Depute of *Kincardin* for the ſaid Shire; And *Marſchals* part of *Aberdeen*, the Laird of *Craigivar*, *Alexander Duff* of *Braco*, the Laird of *Muiresk* younger, the Laird of *Birkenhoog*, and Sheriff-Depute of *Banff* for the reſt of *Aberdeen*-Shire and Bamff; The Lairds of *Brodie*, *Lethin* and *Culloden*; *Dunbar* of *Grange*, and the Sheriff-Depute of *Inverneſs* for *Elgin*, *Nairn*, and this ſide of *Neſs*; Sir *Alexander Mckenzie* of *Coull*, *Mckenzie* of *Redcaſtle*, the Laird of *Colloden*, and *Frazur* of *Reraick*, for the Earl of *Seaforth*, and the Lord *Lovat*; Diviſion of *Inverneſs*, the Laird of *Balnagoon*, Sir *Adam Gordon* of *Dalfollie*, and the Sheriff-Depute of *Southerland*, the Laird of *Hempriggs*, *Sinclair* of *Brimes* younger, for the reſt of *Inverneſs*, and Shires of *Southerland* and *Caithneſs*; The Laird of *Ardkinglaſs*, Sir *John Campbel* of *Carrick*, for the Shire of *Argyle*, and the Sheriff-Depute of the ſaid Shire, *Claud Hamilton* of *Barns*; *Colquhoun* of *Craigtoun* for Shire of *Dumbarton*; The Laird of *Kelburn* or his Depute for the Shire of *Bute*; *James Beakie* of *Tankenneſs*, and the Laird of *Grahameſhall* for *Orkney* and *Zetland*: And to the Effect Our Pleaſure in the Premiſſes may be known. OUR WILL IS HEREFORE, and We Charge you ſtrictly and Command, that incontinent theſe Our Letters ſeen, ye paſs to the Mercat-Croſs of *Edinburgh*, and to the Mercat-Croſſes of the remanent Head-Burghs of the ſeveral Shires and Stewartries within this Kingdom, and there in Our Name and Authority, by open Proclamation, make Intimation of the Premiſſes, that none pretend Ignorance.

Given under Our Signet at Edinburgh *the Sixteenth day of* December, *and of Our Reign the eighth year* 1696.

Per Actum Dominorum Secreti Concilii.

GILB. ELIOT, *Cls. Sti. Concilii.*

GOD ſave the KING.

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